

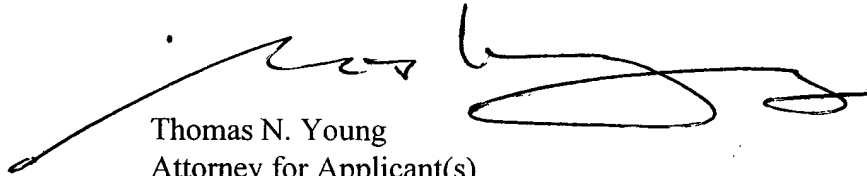
REMARKS

This is the Second Preliminary Amendment being made to facilitate examination.

The content of the Amendment involves correction of some language informalities in the specification and the cancellation of claims 17 and 18. The latter two claims appear in a co-pending application S.N. 09/583,128 filed in the name of the same inventors and assigned to the same assignee.

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VERSION OF SPECIFICATION TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

Delete Paragraph [0005] in its entirety.

[0029] Referring now to Figures 7, 8, and 9, an improved busbar 36 suitable for use in the device of Figure 1 is shown. The busbar comprises the stamped, aluminum plate 80 having a plurality of regularly spaced parallel stabs 82 projecting from one lateral edge thereof and defined in part by L-shaped slots for apertures 84 in the plate 80. The apertures 84 open to the edge of the plate from which the stabs 82 project.

[0030] The configuration of the busbar 36; i.e., flat and planar, is shown in Figure 9 as formed by a simple stamping operation. Thereafter, the stabs 82 are bent or folded out of the plane of the plate 80 along fold lines 86 to provide the configuration shown in Figure 8. It will be noted that in this configuration the height of the stabs 82 is independent of the lateral spacing [of the lateral space in] between them. Therefore, tall stabs 82 suitable for use with conventional and contemporary circuit breakers may be provided without requiring additional space in between the stabs which increase spacing would, in turn, increase the overall size of the housing 10. As shown in Figure 8, the busbar 36 fits onto and into the panel 30 by means of a number of strategically shaped flanges 88 forming spaced pockets 90. The busbar 36 may be used in any application where a plurality of circuit breakers are disclosed in stacked; i.e., spaced parallel relationship within a housing.

VERSION OF CLAIMS WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

15. The apparatus as defined in claim 7 further comprising a conductive metallic busbar mounted to said housing and having a plurality of regularly spaced, parallel stabs projecting into the carrier of said housing to receive circuit breakers in operable association therewith.

Cancel claim 17.

Cancel claim 18.